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Mrs. Effa Manley
71 Crawford Street
Newark, New Jersey

Dear Effa:

Before leaving New York, Friday night, February 22, I was assured definitely by Tom, that on March 12, the Crawfords and Brooklyn would be granted franchises. However, you can readily understand that such a delay would of necessity cause undue hardships. First, is the problem of signing players and acquiring all necessary equipment. Secondly, its the proble m of Spring training. If We suspend activities of the United States League, and undertake the job of getting things in shape for admission to the National League, and then through unforeseen difficulties the franchises were not granted, it would mean a tremendous financial loss to all parties concerned. On the other hand, for us to wait until March 12, before making final arrangements, means that we would be starting the season of in a slip-shod manner and under definite handicaps.

You can, I am certain appreciate how inexpedient it would be for me to make a move in either direction unless I could have some definite assurance prior to March 12.

Under existing conditions I would consider it a personal favor if you would be good enough to give me your reactions in the matter, and if at all possible your assurance that I can depend on your support.

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Relative to franchise ownership to the Brooklyn Club and the Park, I will have definite word to you prior March 12, but before I can make any move upon these lines, I must have your confirmation of support. In anticipation of your early reply.

Kindest personal regards,

W. A. Greenlee

W. A. (Gus) Greenlee